

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

September 13, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Oral Update on the Transition Report

I am pleased to share with you that my transition team has completed its work and is finalizing its report, which will provide me with an assessment of what Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is doing well and what areas need additional focus. The team reviewed a great deal of data and delved into the operations of our school system in order to give me a deeper understanding of the work done to date. The team reviewed documents, conducted numerous interviews, and held focus groups to hear from stakeholders and to understand the dynamics of MCPS.

I expect to have the report ready for release to the Board and the public by Monday, September 19, 2011. I am planning to provide the Board with an oral update and PowerPoint presentation of the team's key findings at the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. This will be the first of several dialogues with the Board about the report and what I am learning in my initial months as superintendent of schools.

This report, as well as my "Listen and Learn" events, will provide me with a strong foundation of knowledge to lead our work going forward. It is clear to me that while much good work has gone on in MCPS, we are a district poised for even greater success. I am energized by the opportunities I see before us and know that if we continue to engage our stakeholders and focus our efforts, we will ensure that our students achieve at even greater heights.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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